

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1154

By Baird

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Amy Merritt, 2004
Valedictorian of Union City High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Amy Merritt is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Union City High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Merritt has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Amy Merritt has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, lending her support and leadership to numerous organizations, Miss Merritt is a member of several extracurricular and community activities, including Marching and Concert Band Drum Major, Beta Club, Knoxville Youth Symphony, Union County Youth Leadership, East Tennessee Concert Band, and East Tennessee Youth Wind Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, Amy's accomplishments and promise have been evident during her high school tenure, and she has received numerous local, regional, and national awards, including National Honor Society and *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, a talented musician, Amy was recognized as a Tennessee All State East Musician, a Tennessee All-State Musician, and a soloist with various ensembles; and

WHEREAS, Miss Merritt's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Miss Merritt's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Randy and Angie Merritt, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Amy Merritt's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Union City High School Valedictorian, Amy Merritt, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.